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TAGS: CASC, EAIR, TU, LE
SUBJECT: TURKISH AIRLINER HIJACKED

1. TURKISH MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS MENTESE ANNOUNCED AT 1700 HOURS LOCAL TODAY, MARCH 19, THAT TURKISH AIRLINES (THY) FLIGHT 259 WAS HIJACKED EARLIER TODAY SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF FROM DIYARBAKIR AND FORCED TO FLY TO BEIRUT, WHERE IT LANDED AT 1530 HOURS LOCAL. WE DOUBLE-CHECKED WITH MFA DUTY OFFICER, WHO CONFIRMED REPORT.

2. AIRCRAFT, A BOEING 727, HAD 167 PASSENGERS ON BOARD. WE ARE CHECKING WITH THY, FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND USAF INSTALLATION AT DIYARBAKIR REGARDING PRESENCE OF U.S. CITIZENS ON BOARD.

3. INITIAL REPORT FROM USAF OFFICERS AT DIYARBAKIR IS THAT NO RPT NO USAF PERSONNEL FROM THAT INSTALLATION WERE ABOARD, BUT THAT ROBERT KNES, GENERAL ELECTRIC CONTRACT EMPLOYEE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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USAF AND MRS. MARGARET MARUNCHAK OR MARUNCEK, BOTH IDENTIFIED AS U.S. CITIZENS, WERE ON AIRCRAFT. OFFICERS ARE ON WAY TO DIYARBAKIR AIRPORT TO LOOK AT MANIFEST.

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